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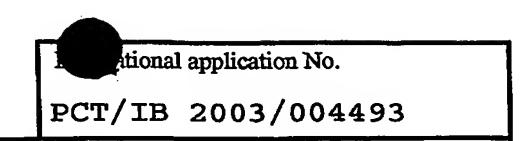
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1.	Statement				
	Novel	ty (N)	Claims Claims	1-11	YES NO
	Invent	tive step (IS)	Claims Claims	1-11	YES NO
	Indust	rial applicability (IA)	Claims Claims	1-11	YES NO

#### 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: WO0036492 A2 D2: US5671351 A D3: US5761510 A D4: US5754860 A

The cited documents represent the general state of the art. The invention defined in claims 1-11 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed method, computer program and system of detecting a fault in the CPU and aborting the execution of the program. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-11 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.